Mountain Weather Forecast

Snowdonia National Park

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 06 May 2021 until 23:59 on Friday 07 May 2021

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 05 May 2021 at 14:31

Confidence: High for another cold and showery day on Thursday but a drier day on Friday. High for a very wet and windy start to the weekend, with showery conditions then following for the early part of next week.

Headline for Thursday 06 May 2021: Cold with occasional hail and snow showers and sunny spells.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 06 May 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
Low Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Medium Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Light snow showers	Light snow showers	Light snow showers	Light snow showers
Precipitation probability							
70%	60%	70%	60%	60%	40%	30%	30%

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Weather: Clear spells and occasional wintry showers through the early hours with a frost developing in places. Showers continuing through the day, heavy at times, with a mixture of hail and rain on the lower slopes and either hail or snow above around 400-600m. There is also a chance of the odd rumble of thunder and flash of lightning. A temporary covering of snow/hail is likely on some paths, this lasting through much of the day above around 800m. Some, mostly brief, sunny spells are likely in-between the showers with longer drier periods developing into the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60% but 30% Snowdon Range until late morning.

Visibility: Excellent visibilities outside of the showers but sudden deteriorations as hail/snow showers pass through. Distant hills may be visible one moment, whereas a few minutes later you may not be able to see more than a few hundred meters. Cloud bases will vary considerably with occasional cloud down to 600-800m as showers pass through and more general cloud above 600m across the Snowdon Range through the morning. This will often give very poor visibilities on the summits, however some summits may temporarily clear at times through the afternoon.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
900	12/14 NW	13/15 NW	16/19 NW	19/26 NW	17/24 NW	24/34 NW	24/34 NW	22/30 NW	20/27 NW
600	6/8 NW	7/10 NW	9/12 NW	13/19 NW	14/21 NW	19/30 NW	18/28 NW	15/23 NW	12/19 NW
300	3/6 NW	4/7 NW	5/9 NW	9/16 NW	10/18 NW	15/27 NW	13/23 NW	10/21 NW	7/16 NW
Valley	4/6 W	4/8 NW	6/10 NW	9/17 NW	10/19 NW	17/29 NW	14/25 NW	12/24 NW	10/20 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
900	-2/-8	-3/-9	-3/-9	-2/-9	-0/-7	0/-6	0/-7	-0/-7	-1/-8
600	-0/-4	-1/-5	-1/-5	1/-5	2/-3	3/-3	3/-3	2/-3	1/-4
300	2/-0	1/-1	1/-2	3/-1	5/1	6/2	5/2	4/1	3/0
Valley	3/1	2/0	2/-0	4/1	6/3	7/3	7/3	6/2	5/2
Freezing Level*	500m	400m	400m	400m	500m	600m	700m	700m	600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

Unusually cold conditions for May will continue, giving a significant wind chill, especially on the higher ridges and summits. Appropriate winter clothing and footwear is recommended, particularly if you are planning on going to the summits. Frozen ground and a covering of snow or hail is likely on the higher paths, with icy surfaces expected.

Forecast for Friday 07 May 2021

Weather: Showers through the morning, mainly affecting the Snowdon Range and Carneddau and still wintry above around 600m. Turning mostly dry through the afternoon with any showers becoming isolated and lengthier periods of sunshine developing. A dry evening with increasing high level cloud.

Maximum wind: West or Northwest 10-15 mph gusting 20-25 mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70% during the morning, though 40% Snowdon Range and northern parts of Snowdonia first half of the morning. Becoming 90% or greater through the afternoon.

Visibility: Excellent visibilities for most of the day but nearby hills disappearing from view as showers move through during the morning. Patches of cloud above 700m in the north of the park through the morning, often giving very poor visibilities on the summits here. Cloud bases lifting above most summits by the middle of the afternoon to leave fine conditions into the evening.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Minus 3 Celsius rising to plus 10 Celsius
At 800m: Minus 1 Celsius rising to plus 2 Celsius.
Freezing level: 750m rising to 950m by mid-afternoon and above all summits by the evening.

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